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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:


In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of that document is also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of relevance for the non-English document, the Examiner is referred to the accompanying English abstract.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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